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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:4

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 am – 12 pm and 1 pm - 4:30 pm

Masses in Church

Monday - Friday 8:15 am
Saturday 8:15 am & 5 pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9 am & 11 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 8:45 am - 12 pm

Sacraments

Confession : Saturday 3:30 pm- 4:00 pm

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Last week's bulletin contained a brief letter on my thoughts concerning the human condition on why we suffer pain and why would God allow us to suffer. I wish to continue this line of thought, allowing me the opportunity to further explain this topic and for you to understand the question we often ask of God. *"Why?".*

The question I asked last week had a profound effect on many of you; either you or a loved one is suffering from chronic pain and want to know God would allow it.

To answer this question, if indeed there is an answer to this very complex and often sensitive topic, may still find ourselves questioning God and what is the point of it all. This week I found an article that can best articulate the Theological and Biblical implications I hope can answer in a way which will allow you some comfort in your search for peace of mind.

The following article was taken from YOUCAT, May 25, 2020: I will be on my annual retreat beginning, Monday, September 19 through September 26. Enjoy.

"It is not only since the Holocaust, in which millions of the Jewish population were annihilated but rather from time immemorial that people have asked themselves: *"Why does God allow suffering?"* This question is called the theodicy-question. This word is derived from the Old Greek words theós = God and díkē = justice and signifies the point where God's omnipotence seems to clash with God's grace. The philosopher Epikur (341-270 before Christ) supposedly said: "Either God wants to do away with suffering and cannot do it: Then God is weak, which cannot be. Or he can but will not do it: Then God is full of spite, which cannot be either. Or he cannot do it and does not want to do it: Then he is weak and full of spite, so he cannot be God."

What does the Bible say?

Sacred Scripture connects the question of theodicy mainly with the figure of Job. Only with the Book of Job does the conviction emerge that illness and suffering are a punishment for falling away from God, while the righteous will receive blessings, happiness and wealth. It is true that a life according to God's commandments can result in a good, often happy life, but it is wrong to automatically interpret the onset of misfortune as God's punishment. The biblical Job ("In the land of Uz* there was a blameless and upright man named Job, who feared God and avoided evil." Job 1:1) has to endure all the different kinds of suffering a person can experience. His wife even urges him to curse this God who allows such things to happen. But Job does not let his wife, nor the false consolations and his friends' attempts to explain everything, dissuade him from his faith: "You speak as foolish women do. We accept good things from God; should we not accept evil?" (Job 2:10) The question of suffering is not solved theoretically in the book of Job, but biographically and historically, by the appearance of a God who is there in the midst of the drama of human existence as a compassionate God: "But the LORD said: I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry against their taskmasters, so I know well what they are suffering" (Ex 3:7). This faith is also proclaimed in the Epistle of James: " Indeed we call blessed those who have persevered". You have heard of the perseverance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, because "the Lord is compassionate and merciful" (James 5:11). Through Jesus we can know for sure: "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God" (John 3:17-18). God on the cross is the only image that can withstand the image of the innocent suffering of the world. "The cross is indeed the place where God's perfect compassion for our world becomes visible" (Pope Benedict XVI). Next week I will further explore with you the question: "why". Take care.

Fr. Leonard Marrujo

LOOKING AHEAD

September 21st & 28th - Bible Study

No Class

September 25th - Fall Picnic

5 PM - 8 PM - Stanley Dollar Clubhouse

September 26th Coffee Chat

11 AM- Topic to be announced

September 27th Men's Ministry

10 AM - St. Anne's Library

October 7th - Fall Retreat

9:30 AM– 2:30 PM - "Eucharistic Revival"

PARISH FINANCIALS

August 2022

Plate collections, donations, gifts, and bequests

August donation	**$33,480**
Monthly Goal	**$38,450**
Excess/(Shortfall) August	**($4,970)**
Year to date (Shortfall)	**($26,055)**
Development Fund (YTD)	**$18,528**

Thanks for your generous donations!

The fall church clean-up day is on Thursday, October 27th at 9 AM. No adoration on that day.

Help keep our church beautiful! This is a great time to come out in fellowship with others to 'shine up' the church and make it a more welcoming place for all.

All are welcome! Bring your family and friends. There is a job for everyone. Bring your own work gloves, or any other cleaning supplies you think might help.

Refreshments will be provided.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our church a beautiful place for all to worship!

Bulletin: If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin and highlight by email contact the parish office at **info@stanneswc.org**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday 09/19	8:15 AM	† Pilar Tan & Alice Tan
Tuesday 09/20	8:15 AM	† Daniel Vilela † Cara Linn Tobin
Wednesday 09/21	8:15 AM	† Raya Sagi
Thursday 09/22	8:15 AM	Sp. Int. Nicole Axon Sp. Int. Brandon Bailey
Friday 09/23	8:15 AM	Sp. Int. Candice Roman Santos
Saturday 09/24	8:15 AM	† Elsa Yam
	5:00 PM	Sp. Int. Parishioners & Benefactors
Sunday 09/25	9:00 AM	† Teresa Chit Wan Chui
	11:00 AM	† Lupe Moore

St. Anne's Society Fall BBQ Picnic

Mark your calendar for

Sunday September 25, 2022

5 PM - 8 PM

It will be held at the picnic grounds at the **Stanley Dollar Clubhouse**.

The buffet dinner will be catered by the popular "***Back Forty Texas BBQ***". Entertainment will be provided by well-known accordionist **Ed Gorzynski.**

All parishioners, friends and Rossmoor residents are welcome!

Price is $38 per person. Deadline for registration is extended to September 20th

America Needs Fatima

2022 Rosary Rally

Join us for the 2022 Public Square Rosary Crusade

At: St. Anne's Church Parking Lot

On : Saturday, October 15th 2022

at noon

Yearly Box of Donation Envelopes

We appreciate you taking just a few minutes to pick up your box.

Thank you.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Gloria Pearce	Karen Salchett	Jannet Tuvilla
Judith Russell	Dona Newell	Edward Regan
Melinda Love	Carolyn Collins	Jason Navaro
Cathy Grimesey	Chris Ramirez	Robert Kraftschik
Anne Bernstein	Kathleen Clemons	Bev Regan
Sandra Chafe	Tom & Vicki Hughes	Carol Hannon
Pamela Maria	Dr. Donald Dal Porto	John Lydecker
Caroline George	Hogey Hogenboom	Tom Mader
Kay Woodruff	Michael Dunn	Kevin Kelly
Peter Inwards	Vincent Riggio	Larry Maday
Joe & Pat Rollo	Karl Kropp	

If you wish to be included or removed from our prayer list, please contact Fran Long at 925-939-5151

Thanks to the sponsors of this week's bulletin

Our fellow parishioners, sponsored this bulletin.

We appreciate their generosity in helping us offset the cost of printing. We extend our prayers to the family.

If you are interested to sponsor, kindly contact the parish office for details.

Please continue purchasing grocery store gift cards for the St. Vincent De Paul food bank at St. Mary's in Walnut Creek. Gift cards can be dropped in the mailbox near the parish office window. Because of your generosity and love of our brothers and sisters in need we were able to donate an additional $1700 in gift cards.

Non - Gift card donations can be placed in the bin outside St. Anne's Church, near the courtyard entrance. Items needed are listed in the side of the bin and pamphlets are available in the church entrance.

Thank you for your generosity.

Library News

Remainders from our book sale were distributed as follows:

Veterans Hospital

Blue Star Mothers

Friends of the Library, Pleasant Hill

Savers, Dublin

Oakland Museum White Elephant Sale

Thanks to everyone who contributed books and helped.

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You can listen to Fr. Leonard's podcasts on Spotify and other Podcast platforms. "The Parish Life", is available in all podcast platforms.

MINISTRIES

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Ushers	**Fran Long**	**925-939-5151**

Fall Retreat

on Friday, October 7th from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm.

Topic for retreat is "**Eucharistic Revival**".

This retreat is open to St. Anne's Parishioners and Friends. Rev. George DaRoza will be the retreat facilitator.

Registration is open. Cost is $30 per person. If you bring a friend its $50. Deadline for registration is September 26th.

The following non-perishable items are needed at St Mary's St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on a regular basis and are usually in short supply and <u>not</u> provided through the food bank.

Canned foods are provided through the Food Bank.

Toilet Paper	**Hand Soap**	**Ketchup**
Shaving Items	**Toothpaste**	**Coffee**
Cup of Noodles	**Top Ramen**	**Water**
Paper Towels	**Mustard**	**Tea**
Cleansing Wipes	**Toothbrushes**	**Mayo**
Body wash	**Shampoo**	**Conditioner**
Laundry Detergent	**Fruit Juice**	**New Socks**